(b) what are the criteria to select them, whether there is any proposal to enhance the pension; and

(c) the details of the beneficieries?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Under the scheme entitled "Financial Assistance to Artistes in Indigent Circumstances" 561 reputed artistes are receiving financial assistance.

(b) According to the Scheme, a person: (i) should have made significant contribution to arts and letters etc. (traditional scholars who have made significant contribution in their respective fields are also eligible, absence of any published works notwithstanding), (ii) should not have personal income, including income of his spouse of more than Rs. 1,000|- per month and (iii) should not be less than 58 years of age (this age limit does not apply to the dependants of reputed artistes).

It is proposed to enhance the quantum of financial assistance from Rs. 600|- to Rs. 1000|- per month, w.e.f. 1-4-1992.

(c) The 561 artistes, belonging to the various disciplines of culture and art are drawn from all over the country.

4196. [*Transferred to the 25th March, 1992*]

Unemployed Engineers in Jammu and Kashmir

4197. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased state:

(a) the number of stipendiary engineers un-employed in Jammu and Kashmir in spite of High Court directives to appoint them;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that they have been sitting on Dharna and have even tried to immolate themselves in January 1992 because of the non-implementation of the court orders?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir the number of stipendiary engineers unemployed in Jammu and Kashmir is, 1297, who could not be offered employment for want of adequate number of posts and in view of the time taken in the selection process. They have been sitting on Dharna from time to time. However, no immolation has taken place.

Method of Promotion to the post of P.G.T.

4198. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the existing procedure the vacancies in the grade of PGT against the promotion quota in schools run by the Directorate of Education of Delhi Administration are filled by inviting applications from the serving teachers and not on the basis of information regarding their qualifications available in records with the Directorate or its subordinate offices;

(b) whether any subjectwise seniority list of teachers for making promotions to the grade of PGT is maintained by the Directorate and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the existing procedure of making promotion does not cover teachers who are otherwise senior but are left out for not applying in time and junior teachers who apply get promotion thereby causing recurring financial loss to the senior teachers; and

(d) what is the policy of the Directorate as regards the applications|representations received from eligible teachers who are left out while making these promotions and whether Government propose to review and modify the existing procedure to make it more rational?